कि आप अपने अधिकार का प्रयोग करते हुए सरकार से कहें कि वह बढ़ती हुई महंगाई के संबंध में कोई कारगर कदम उठाए जिसकी वजह से आम आदमी बहुत परेशान हैं। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Sir, ...(*Interruptions*).

**श्री सुरेश पचौरी:** महोदय, सामान्य उपभोक्ता की वस्तुओं के दामों में जो वृद्धि हुई है ...(**व्यवधान**). ..

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Sir, ...(*Interruptions*).

**श्रीमती सरोज दुबे:** सभापति महोदय, ...(**व्यवधान**)...

**श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी:** महोदय, ...(**व्यवधान**)...

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI (Kerala): Sir, ...(*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned till 12o'clock.

The House then adjourned at eight minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House re-assembled at twelve of the clock, MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

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## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

### New passport offices in Assam

*641. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of passport offices proposed to be opened in Assam particularly in the district of North Cachar;

(b) by when the same will be opened; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) It is at present not feasible to open another Passport Office in Assam. However, a Passport Application Collection Centre is proposed to be opened at Silchar.

(c) As stated above a Passport Application Collection Centre will be opened at Silchar. The Government of Assam has been requested to provide suitable accommodation and to depute some staff for the proposed centre.